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Simmons School of Management Increases Access to its Distinctive MBA and Health Care MBA Programs by bringing them Online

Now Accepting Applications

BOSTON (September 24, 2015) — Simmons College School of Management announced today that it is accepting applications for its online Master of Business Administration (MBA), [MBA@Simmons](#), as well as [HealthcareMBA@Simmons](#), an online MBA in Health Care. Simmons will partner with 2U, Inc. to transition these degrees to a fully online format in order to expand access to a nationwide audience.

The Simmons online MBA offerings build on the school's history of innovative educational programming and a unique focus on women's leadership. Established in 1975, the Simmons business program was the first in the world designed specifically for women and was created at a time when women were not welcome in traditional MBA programs. The Simmons MBA program is currently ranked the #1 MBA with the [Greatest Opportunity for Women](#) by The Princeton Review.

With MBA@Simmons, the College will continue its distinctive focus on power and gender dynamics in the workplace as it prepares students for leadership and management roles in today's fast-changing, competitive business landscape. Both online programs expand access to a Simmons graduate degree to women and men based anywhere in the world.

"Simmons has a long history of developing women leaders and promoting their advancement and we are pleased to expand our reach to a national audience with these online MBA degrees that will preserve our distinctive focus on gender and dynamics," said Helen Drinan, President, Simmons College. "Inclusion of men in SOM graduate programming engages more men with issues of gender and power dynamics, and it is good for women, the workplace, and the world."

The online degrees will be rigorous and high-touch with distinguished Simmons faculty teaching live, weekly, face-to-face classes typically limited to 15 students. Designed for working professionals, MBA@Simmons and HealthcareMBA@Simmons also incorporate self-paced interactive coursework and periodic weekend immersions on campus in Boston and in other select locations for intense in-person learning and networking experiences.

MBA@Simmons is designed to ensure students' success as they work to define their own leadership style and cultivate practical skills through rigorous experiential learning. Students graduate from the program with the skills necessary to lead change and improve organizational effectiveness. As part of the program's distinctive focus, students take core courses, such as "Negotiations and Conflict Management," where they analyze the ways gender and power dynamics impact the outcome of many business encounters.

HealthcareMBA@Simmons is aimed at working professionals who are aspiring health care industry leaders. The degree combines the strengths of the MBA degree with an extensive health management curriculum, providing students with the best of both worlds – greater depth in health care management than an MBA alone and sharper analytical and critical thinking skills than other types of advanced health management degrees.

Both degrees will require students to complete 54 credits and allow them to graduate in as little as 24 months. There are three opportunities each year to begin the program with admissions decisions made on a rolling basis. The first application deadline is January 8, 2016 and first classes for both degrees will begin in March 2016.

The Simmons College School of Management is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a distinction earned by fewer than 30% of business schools in the United States and fewer than 5% worldwide. Both degrees programs are AACSB accredited. Simmons plans to pursue Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME) accreditation for the online program.

The Center for Gender in Organizations (CGO) at the School of Management is an international resource for research on ways to improve organizational effectiveness by strengthening gender equity and diversity in the workplace. The School of Management is also a leading-edge provider of executive education, consulting services, and applied research to senior management in business, government, and the nonprofit sector.

Simmons College hosts the annual Simmons Leadership Conference – the preeminent and longest-running women’s leadership forum in the country. The conference, which originated in the School of Management, attracts a global audience of more than 3,000 women and men.

For details on the admission criteria and the costs of attendance for MBA@Simmons and HealthcareMBA@Simmons, visit <http://online.simmons.edu> or contact an admissions counselor by admissions@online.simmons.edu or 1-844-622-2872.

The degrees will be delivered in partnership with 2U, building upon the success of Simmons’s online nursing and social work degrees also supported by 2U.